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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
TO MR. HELMS IN A SEALED ~~XXXX~~ ENVELOPE DELIVERED  
DIRECTLY TO HIM:

1. THE REPORT TRANSMITTED IN THIS CABLE WOULD  
HAVE BEEN SENT TO DR. KISSINGER ONLY AS  IF HE  
WERE IN WASHINGTON. BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
AND ITS  SUBJECT, WE ARE FORWARDING IT DIRECTLY  
TO YOU FOR PASSAGE TO HIM. IT WAS OBTAINED FROM OUR

COMMENTS  
MADE BY PRESIDENT THIEU ON 25 AUGUST CONCERNING  
VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH THE 3 OCTOBER PRESIDENTIAL  
ELECTIONS COULD BE TURNED INTO A REFERENDUM. THIEU'S  
COMMENTS WERE RELATED TO A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM

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HE HAD RECEIVED EARLIER THE SAME DAY FROM AMBASSADOR BUNKER WHICH OUTLINED SEVERAL STEPS THIEU MIGHT CONSIDER IN RELATION TO THE 3 OCTOBER ELECTION.

2. THE REPORT HAS ALREADY BEEN ~~XXXXX~~ READ BY AMBASSADOR BUNKER, WHOSE ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT IT MEANT THIEU WAS STUDYING HIS MEMORANDUM. MR. SHACKLEY HAS ADVISED IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S MEMORANDUM DID INDEED MENTION A REFERENDUM, BUT ONLY IN THE SENSE THAT THIEU COULD ANNOUNCE THAT HE WOULD INTERPRET THE VOTE ON 3 OCTOBER AS A REFERENDUM. IN OTHER WORDS, AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S MEMORANDUM SUGGESTED THAT THE 3 OCTOBER ELECTION WOULD BE A DE FACTO REFERENDUM ARRANGED BY A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENT THIEU, NOT BY ANY CHANGE IN THE ELECTION LAW.

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3. BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF ITS SUBJECT,  
THIS REPORT IS BEING DISSEMINATED ONLY TO DR.  
KISSINGER VIA THIS MESSAGE.

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DDP

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